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THINK OF HER FAMILY

Police chief appeals for information over missing teen

• 17-year-old Jayden Parkinson (inset) has been missing for over two weeks, while police are searching areas in Didcot and Upton

POLICE have urged anyone with any information leading to the whereabouts of missing teenager Jayden Parkinson to come forward as soon as possible.

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The 17-year-old Didcot girl was last seen over two weeks ago, and police are treating the case as murder.

A 22-year-old man from Reading has been charged with murder, and appeared at Oxford Crown Court on Tuesday.

He was also charged with perverting the course of justice, and has been remanded in custody until March 17 for a plea hearing.

A 17-year-old boy from Didcot has also been charged with assisting an offender, after first being arrested on suspicion of murder, and appeared at Oxford's youth court on Tuesday.

As the Guardian went to press, Jayden's body had not been found, and police are continuing to search areas around Didcot and Upton.

They have also renewed their calls for anyone with information to come forward, as they continue to try and identify a man who was seen with a suitcase in the early hours of December 9 in Upton and the Lydalls Road area of Didcot.

Detective chief superintendent Andy Murray said: "We still think there are people who can help with our inquiry, and are

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Christmas market gets new location

OXFORD'S Christmas Market is at a new location for 2013, with around 40 festively decorated stalls under the backdrop of the city's Christmas tree.

For the first time in its history, the market is being held on Broad Street, and was officially opened by Oxford's deputy lord mayor Cllr Tony Brett at 11am.

It will be running until Sunday, December 22, and visitors will be able to buy numerous Christmas decorations and gifts, as well as food and drink, from the independent stalls.

Gifts on offer include pottery, games, woollen garments, jewellery, homeware and natural oils, along with a charity stall from which St Elisabeth Convent in Minsk, Belarus, will be raising money for orphans.

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Local choirs and bands will also be performing, including the Abingdon Concert Band, The Oxford City Singers and Kidlington Concert Brass.

A number of activities for children are available, such as Christmas-themed head through the hole cut-outs, a postbox to Santa and a traditional Victorian carousel to add to the festive atmosphere.

The market is part of eight weeks of cultural fun and celebration going on across the city centre, and more information can be found at www.oxfordchristmasmarket.co.uk.

• *Deputy lord mayor Cllr Tony Brett, market owner Nicole Rahimi and town crier Anthony Church at the opening*

Slight drop in drinking and driving

THAMES Valley Police's ongoing Christmas drink-drive campaign has seen 37 people arrested in Oxfordshire between December 1 and 15.

The 'Is it worth the risk?' campaign has seen a one per cent drop in arrests across the region compared to last year, and is running until January 1.

So far 121 men and 22 women have been arrested across the Thames Valley, with 73 going on to be charged, 49 bailed and 21 released.

Henry Parsons, chief inspector for Hampshire Constabulary and Thames Valley Roads Policing Unit, said: "Drink driving is dangerous and it kills or seriously injures many people each year, devastating families.

"It's worrying that some people are still making the wrong choices, deciding to drink and drive when there are alternatives available.

"I'm grateful for the public support for this campaign that has helped us to be in the right places, at the right times, to make these arrests.

"We'll continue to target drink drivers every single day of the year, not just during campaign periods. It isn't worth the risk."

• *Beckie Johnson*

Concern for missing Beckie

POLICE are appealing for the public's help following the disappearance of a 24-year-old woman, who was last seen in Cowley on Monday.

Beckie Johnson, from Littlemore, is white, of medium build, 5ft 4ins and has shoulder-length dyed blonde hair.

When she was last seen, she was wearing grey jogging bottoms, a blue hooded top and white trainers.

Inspector Gavin Biggs, who is leading the search, said: "If anyone has any information about where Beckie could be or has seen anyone matching her description, I would request you contact police.

"We are becoming concerned for Beckie's welfare and would like to know she is safe."

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 101, quoting URN 1337 of December 9.

Help the homeless this Christmas

OXFORD City Council is urging people to support a number of local organisations, which will be helping homeless people over the Christmas period.

The council is working with partners in both the voluntary and statutory sectors to get people off the streets and into accommodation, and work on tackling the issues that lead to people becoming homeless.

Cllr Scott Seamons, board member for housing, said: "We have come up with a list of things the public can do to support organisations that help rough sleepers and homelessness.

"There are some very simple things that can be done to help, but they will make a real difference to those who are sleeping rough."

Eleven ideas have been put forward by the council, which include donating money to the Oxford Homeless Medical Fund to get people from the streets into hostels and eventually long-term accommodation.

It also suggests to donate warm winter clothes, sleeping bags and blankets to O'Hanlon House, give unwanted furniture to Emmaus Oxford or to help out at the Salvation Army Christmas lunch.

For more information on any of the council's ideas, or to see the full list, go to www.oxford.gov.uk/homelessness.

Oxford triumph in Varsity clash

OXFORD took their fourth straight victory over Cambridge in last Thursday's varsity match, winning 33-15 at Twickenham in front of a 24,000-strong crowd.

Cambridge had got off to the better start, taking a 7-0 lead within the opening 10 minutes of the match.

But Oxford captain John Carter scored a try to reduce the arrears, before a Henry Lamont try and a Jonathan Hudson penalty put the Dark Blues 13-10 ahead at half-time.

Oxford's Sam Egerton added another try shortly after the break, before gaining the dubious honour of becoming the first player to be sent off in Varsity Match history, after making contact with an opponent's face.

It didn't stop the Dark Blues progress, however, and a converted Nick Gardner try added to their total.

Cambridge got a try back but any thoughts of a comeback were ended as Hudson kicked over two more penalties, for a final result of 33-15. Oxford's fourth successive win equals their best ever run in the contest, and now trail Cambridge 61-57 in the overall standings, with 14 draws.

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'If you have anything to say, please say it'

• *From front page*

asking people to examine their memory, and if needs be, their conscience.

"Think of Jayden's family in the run-up to Christmas. If you have anything to say, please say it.

"For parents not to know where their child is, is both distressing and traumatic and we are doing everything we can to try and find her.

"Didcot is a small town, with many people who would know Jayden and her friends; we would urge anyone with any information, no matter how small they think it is, to contact us in confidence.

"We are confident we will find Jayden with the help and assistance of the people of Didcot, and will search for however long it takes.

"A number of suitcases have been recovered since the appeal at the weekend. We cannot confirm at this stage if any of these are of significance to the investigation."

Around 50 officers are currently searching a two-kilometre area of farmland, woodland and derelict buildings near to Upton.

Superintendent Christian Bunt said: "Over the past days we have had an amazing response from the public coming forward and offering vital information that we are now following up.

"At this stage it is a critical time in our investigation and we have a number of scenes in the Didcot area that need preserving.

"We would ask the public's help in making sure that our officers can carry out their work without any evidence being jeopardised due to people carrying out their own searches."

Jayden went missing on December 3 when she was seen leaving One Foot Forward youth hostel in Iffley Road, and did not return home that evening as planned.

She was seen on CCTV at Didcot Parkway train station at 4.27pm, but there have been no sightings of her since.

The 22-year-old suspect was arrested from an address in Reading on Friday.

Tributes have been left to Jayden, including at Didcot Girls School, where she was a former pupil.

Rachael Warwick, headteacher at the school, said: "As a school community, we are deeply concerned about the welfare of Jayden Parkinson.

"She left Didcot Girls School last year, and our thoughts and very best wishes go to Jayden's family.

"Staff and students affected by this news are being supported by the school at this very difficult time."

Messages have also been left on Facebook in the group 'Help find missing Jayden Parkinson', which has received nearly 1,700 'likes' at time of print since it was set up last Friday.

One person commented: "Praying they find her safe and well", and another added: "I never knew Jayden or met her, but have been hoping she is found safe and unhurt".

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Chinese art collection left to Ashmolean

OVER 400 works of contemporary and modern Chinese art, formerly the biggest private collection of its type, has been donated to Oxford's Ashmolean Museum.

It was bequeathed to the museum by Professor Michael Sullivan, a world authority on modern Chinese art and emeritus fellow of St Catherine's College, who died in September.

He had amassed his collection since the 1940s with his wife Khoan, and many of the works have never before been exhibited in public.

Professor Christopher Brown, director of the Ashmolean, said: "Michael Sullivan was a longstanding friend and supporter of the museum.

"It is through his forethought and generosity that we have received this outstanding collection.

"We hope this is a fitting testament to a great art historian and collector."

Professor Sullivan retired to Oxford in 1985.

Packing up the Christmas bags

DIDCOT Mayor Axel MacDonald was on hand to help people pack their Christmas shopping over the weekend.

Cllr MacDonald joined members of Didcot charity the Balsam Family Project at the town's Sainsbury's store.

It was the fourth time this year the charity have helped to pack people's shopping, raising between £500 and £700 each time.

Charity manager Alex Walker said: "This has enabled us to reach volunteers through the tills.

"We became charity of the year for the Mayor because he came through the tills and we have been able to raise funds through doing it."

Last Saturday was predicted to be one of the busiest for Christmas shopping but Alex was not fazed at all.

"It's exciting and it is really encouraging that so many people volunteered to come out to support us," she added.

Balsam works alongside local organisations and churches to raise awareness of the needs of families in their communities, and to train volunteers to practically support them.

• *Didcot Mayor Axel MacDonald helps to pack people's shopping at the town's Sainsbury's store*

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• *Lin Beekar of Helen and Douglas House, and manager of The Crown and Thistle Cian McMonagle*

ABINGDON bar and hotel The Crown and Thistle have donated almost £1,400 to an Oxford charity, with money raised from their recent launch party.

A total of £1,396.40 was given to Helen and Douglas House (HDH) at a ceremony at The Crown and Thistle last week, with the cheque being presented to Lin Beekar from the charity.

The launch night featured a raffle draw with a number of prizes donated by local business that raised £675, with a further £721.40 of bar takings from the evening added to the total.

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Early Christmas party for Callum

A SIX-year-old boy from Ambrosden, near Bicester, was given the chance to go to a Christmas party on Downing Street last Monday, through national charity Starlight Children's Foundation.

Callum Selkirk, who suffers from cystic fibrosis, attended the party hosted by Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne MP, which featured a number of celebrity guests.

He was one of 40 youngsters from around the country to attend the party, organised to bring some festive cheer to a group of seriously and terminally ill children.

Starlight co-founder Emma Samms said: "The children's Christmas party at number 11 Downing Street is one of the highlights of the charity's Christmas programme.

"It is an opportunity for our young guests to escape the confines of the hospital ward for an afternoon and the chance to enjoy some festive fun with their families."

This is the fourth year that the party has been held by the Chancellor.

Mr Osborne said: "I'm very proud to host the Starlight children's Christmas party and it is wonderful to be able to bring some much-needed Christmas cheer to these very poorly children and their families.

"Starlight is a fantastic charity and I am delighted to be able to support this event, which is the first of many activities provided by Starlight over the Christmas period."

Strictly Come Dancing star Kristina Rihanoff and actress Kara Tointon were two of the celebrities who attended last week's party.

Kristina said: "It was a pleasure to be invited to the Chancellor's party for Starlight.

"It's very important for me to support children's charities and I do whatever I can to give something back to help poorly children."

Kara added: "I absolutely loved Christmas as a child and I find it terribly sad that many children will spend this festive season in hospital.

"It was lovely to be able to attend Starlight's Christmas Party and wonderful to see so many beaming smiles on the young guests' faces!"

By Adam Flinn

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• *Callum with children's entertainers Dick and Dom at the party*

More patrols during festive weekends

THROUGHOUT the festive period there will be more police officers on duty during Friday and Saturday nights.

South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse's streets are set to be busier as Christmas and New Year celebrations get into full swing.

Therefore, Thames Valley Police is doing all it can to ensure everybody remains safe.

Supt Andy Boyd, local area commander for South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse, said: "There will be significantly more officers on duty every Friday and Saturday night.

"We want to encourage people to go out and have a nice time.

"South Oxfordshire and The Vale of White Horse have some of the lowest levels of crime in the country and we want to reassure people that we will be present so they can feel comfortable about going out and having an enjoyable experience.

"However, the message for the small minority of people who can't behave responsibly is stay at home.

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Cops appeal after 'linked' burglaries

TWO burglaries, believed to be linked, has led Thames Valley Police to appeal to the public for information or witnesses.

The burglaries took place on December 11 at a house in Crabtree Road, Elms Rise, and a property in Springfield Road, Botley.

Between 6pm and 7.10pm, offenders gained entry to the house in Crabtree Road, by forcing the front door open.

The victim arrived home and disturbed the offenders, who left the property empty handed and drove in the direction of West Way, in a BMW 520d series with the registration number FP58 YXD.

The second burglary took place between 10.30am and 7pm when the front door of a house in Springfield Road was forced open.

An Apple iPad and a university medal were among the items stolen in the second burglary.

The three offenders are believed to be between 5ft 8ins and 6ft tall while one was wearing a black hooded top.

If you have any information please contact PC Mark Allmond on 101 or , alternatively call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Keeping the roads safe this winter

By **Jack Johnson**
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TOWNS and villages across the county are doing their bit to help make the roads and pavements safer this winter.

Oxfordshire County Council has teamed up with many parish and district councils to ensure Oxfordshire is ready for freezing temperatures.

The councils have, between them, installed around 130 grit bins to tackle icy conditions.

Cllr Ian Hudspeth, leader of the county council, said: "The county council already salts 43 per cent of its roads and is always out throughout the winter on the main routes when freezing temperatures strike.

"But there is a great desire in communities around Oxfordshire for people locally to be able to do more to help themselves.

"It's really a win-win arrangement for everyone.

"The county council helps create safer communities, the parish and town councils can make their ambitions to take some control of salting a reality and residents see the benefits of us working together."

• *Ian Hudspeth (front), with Jason Livingstone loading up the salt and David Scott (back)*

Bins, which have been paid for by the town and parish councils, have been filled by the county council.

A free bulk bag of salt weighing almost a tonne is also available free of charge to any town or parish councils who want them.

David Scott, chairman of Beckley and Stowood Parish Council said: "Beckley gets its share of frost and snow, and we are very grateful to Oxfordshire County Council for keeping our salt bins filled and supplying an additional ton of salt that JTW Cox Farms can use to grit our roads to help keep the village moving in adverse conditions."

Cllr Hudspeth added: "This initiative fits in very closely with our 'Ready for winter' campaign which we have launched to help residents do more to help themselves have a safer winter, and to highlight the services we provide at this time of year.

"The main message is to be prepared. By doing a few simple things you could make life so much more easy if or when more challenging weather arrives."

Cash boost for brand new science facility

MULTI-MILLION pound funding has been granted for a new facility to be built at Harwell, near Didcot, that will provide scientists with state-of-the-art experimental equipment.

The Diamond Light Source will use the £15.6million of funding from the Wellcome Trust, the Medical Research Council (MRC) and the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council (BBSRC) for a new imaging centre for biology.

It will operate like one of Diamond's Phase III beamlines and its powerful microscopes will look into the structure of the cell to help further understand molecular make-up.

The new centre will provide two high end Cryo-Electron microscopes, sample preparation laboratory with a super-resolution fluorescence microscope and equipment for vitreous sectioning with an ion-milling beam.

Prof Dave Stuart, life science director at Diamond Light Source, said: "This new investment will provide a unique approach which will integrate the activities of the synchrotron and the capabilities of electron microscopy.

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Vulnerable and elderly set to receive a helping hand

MP's Corner

Nicola Blackwood

MP for Oxford West and Abingdon

Championing the region's small businesses

OUR small businesses are the life blood of our economy in Oxfordshire and a key driving force in our communities.

That's why I was so pleased to be in Abingdon on December 7 to support the UK's first Small Business Saturday. Small Business Saturday is all about celebrating locally and nationally the vital role that all our small firms, micro-businesses and sole traders play in our economy and communities.

Of course we can all do something to promote our local businesses every day, by making an effort to shop local and spreading the word about our small retailers and other businesses. In support of this, I have launched a new Small Business Award, and am asking local people to nominate their favourite local business in Abingdon. Nominations close on December 31 and can be made by post to: FREEPOST, Oxfordshire Conservatives. The winner of the Award will be the business with the most nominations, and people nominating their favourite business will be entered into a draw to win £50.

Ministers also marked Small Business Saturday by committing to help smaller firms win public sector contracts, as well as making it easier to switch energy suppliers. And last week the Chancellor threw his support firmly behind local enterprise in the Autumn Statement by announcing a further package of incentives for small businesses, including a cap on business rates at two per cent, with smaller firms getting an extended period of rates relief, and for very small businesses no business rates at all. The Startup Loans Scheme will also be expanded and is predicted to serve 50,000 extra people. I am also delighted to hear that 20,000 additional Apprenticeships will be available in the next few years.

But times are still tough on the high street and there is always more that can be done. That is why I regularly visit large and small businesses across my constituency to hear directly from them what will make the difference for their working environment - whether it's less red tape or more free parking locally.

Oxfordshire has an extraordinary breadth and depth of small businesses and start ups, ranging from our well loved high streets to world leading innovation start ups. We rely on these small business every day, so we should take every opportunity to support them and raise their profile, however we can.

By **Jack Johnson**
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ELDERLY and vulnerable residents will receive a helping hand from the police this Christmas to ensure they do not go hungry.

PCSO Andy Gunn has orchestrated an initiative to fill Christmas hampers to give to the elderly and vulnerable over the next few weeks.

By joining forces with Damascus youth group, Mr Gunn has asked workers at Milton Park to donate packets of food, bottles of squash, tins and cans.

Boswells Coffee Company in Didcot, Boots in Wantage, Peach Croft Farm in Abingdon and Grundon in Wallingford have also helped to stock the hampers full of food.

Mr Gunn, who works in the Wantage and Grove police area, said: "This is just part of the job.

"All in all it has been a joint effort and a well rewarding scheme and hopefully it will touch base with the elderly people over the Christmas period."

A part of the initiative is to bring communities together and build better relations between the young and elderly.

• *(From left to right) PCSO Sue Harris, Damacus youth workers Ryan Tappin and Roxy Elford and PCSO Andy Gunn*

At least 25 young people have helped to wrap and fill the hampers while they were asked to identify vulnerable residents who they felt would benefit.

Mr Gunn added: "It is about bridging the gap between the young and the elderly and showing that we do have good kids.

"The kids have been great and have even dressed up the collection boxes."

About 50 hampers will be delivered to residents in Drayton, Appleford, Milton, Sutton Courtenay and Steventon as well as elderly and vulnerable people throughout the county as part of the VERA (Vulnerable & Elderly Residents Action) group.

Vale Neighbourhood Inspector Ian Money says the group typifies the Local Police Area ethos of: 'Challenge the criminal and protect the Vulnerable'.

Insp Money added: "PCSOs have 'adopted' vulnerable and elderly residents from our community who may live on their own or who do not have a family or next of kin support mechanism that sometimes we all take for granted and pay regular visits relating to a risk matrix applied to their circumstances."

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Tucking into the 12 plates of Christmas!

• *Waste Service development officer Rachel Townsend looks up some waste saving recipes*

By **Jack Johnson**
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IT IS sometimes difficult to keep the purse strings tight at Christmas.

But Oxfordshire County Council are trying to show that, by planning ahead, you can do it on a budget and with minimum waste.

As part of its 'Ready for Winter' campaign, the county council has teamed up with local cooks, community groups and the Oxfordshire Waste Partnership to launch '12 plates of Christmas' - a list of 12 ways in which the council hopes people can save cash, cut waste and have a happy and healthy Christmas.

The initiative began on December 12 and the county council have been posting money-saving recipes on their website and Twitter feed.

Some of the recipes are parsnip and carrot soup, mincemeat and marzipan afternoon loaf and sweet and sour potatoes and sprouts.

Cllr David Nimmo Smith, cabinet member for the environment, said: "There's lots of ways you can find out how to stretch your money and not your bin.

"Websites such as lovefoodhatewaste.com have lots of recipes and you can also look up ways to make anything from leftover vegetables to the last bits of turkey into a tasty treat or a complete meal.

"The easiest thing to do is to not buy things you don't need – think before you spend."

Each month, on average, a family throws away almost £60 of food that was bought but not eaten.

Cllr Nimmo Smith added: "Instead of impulse buying, think of what you could do with the money you'd save - £60 goes a long way towards buying an extra present or treat you and your family will really enjoy.

"Having said that Oxfordshire is well ahead of most of the UK and last year recycled over 20,000 tonnes of food waste - equivalent to 2,857 double decker buses."

You can view the recipes online on the county council's website - or view the two on the right to get you started!

RECIPES

Parsnip and Carrot Soup

Ingredients

Two tablespoons of sunflower oil
Two medium onions, peeled and chopped
450 g (1lb) parsnips, peeled and diced
450 g (1lb) carrots, peeled and diced
750 ml (1½ pints) vegetable stock
Salt and pepper

Instructions

1. Heat oil and cook the onions until soft
2. Add parsnips and carrots - cook for five mins
3. Add the stock simmer for 20 - 25 mins until vegetables soft and cooked
4. Cool slightly, then liquidize
5. Season to taste
6. Serve and enjoy!

Mincemeat And Marzipan Afternoon Loaf

Ingredients

125g (8oz) of self-raising flour
115g (4oz) of butter, cut into pieces
85g (3oz) of dark brown sugar
115g (4oz) of marzipan, cut into cubes
Two eggs
200g (7oz) of mincemeat
Two tablespoons of Demerara sugar

Instructions

1. Place flour into a bowl, add butter, rub into flour until fine breadcrumbs formed
2. Stir in sugar and marzipan, mix well
3. Beat eggs together, then add with mincemeat to dry ingredients, combine evenly
4. Turn mixture into greased and lined 1 kg (2lb) loaf tin. Sprinkle top with Demerara sugar
5. Bake at electric oven 180°C, Gas MK4, fan oven 160°C for 50 – 60 mins, until well risen and golden brown
6. Allow to cool in the tin for 15 mins, before placing on a wire rack to cool completely

MP's Corner

Andrew Smith
MP for Oxford East

Helping those with disabilities

I recently enjoyed the opportunity to attend a coffee morning held by Oxfordshire Unlimited at the Clockhouse in Blackbird Leys. Oxfordshire Unlimited is a voluntary organisation which supports people with disabilities throughout Oxfordshire. It is run for and by people with physical and sensory disabilities and their goal is to ensure that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everybody else. The coffee mornings are held regularly, and disabled people and their carers can drop by to discuss any difficulties they are facing and receive support.

There are all kinds of barriers which disabled people can face in order to take an active role in the community and enjoy a high quality of life. Many current cuts in benefits are especially hitting disabled people, and I have asked Commons questions about this . What's more, simply because there appears to be provision made for disabled people (for example where there are signs in place advertising disabled access) doesn't necessarily mean that disabled users don't encounter difficulties. Many disabled toilets, for example, aren't suitable for users of mobility scooters. What happens when wheelchair users try to board a crowded bus where the allocated disabled space has already been taken up by pushchairs?

Not all roads have dropped kerbs which make them unsuitable for people who use a wheelchair or mobility scooter. We all too often see cars parked on roads in Oxford and unauthorised cycling on pavements both of which can pose a hazard to wheelchair users and users of mobility scooters. As a result of these kinds of challenges just getting out and about can be daunting, and there is a risk of isolation where disabled people aren't getting the support they feel they need.

Oxfordshire Unlimited do excellent work by helping to support disabled people and empowering them to live as normal a life as possible. They work with local authorities and other organisations to address specific problems and to raise awareness about the kinds of challenges facing people with disabilities and their families.

As well as the coffee mornings, the dates of which are advertised on their website (www.oxfordshireunlimited.org/events), they also offer a helpline on 0845 12 141 12, and are keen to hear from disabled people in the community about the sorts of problems that they face. A warm welcome awaits anyone who needs their help, or would just enjoy the company of meeting up.

Fun on the farm this Christmas!

• Aaliya Aizaz and Callum Aizaz

FAMILIES from across the county have been getting into the festive spirit by taking to the ice at Millets Farm.

The popular farm centre in Frilford near Abingdon has been inundated with visitors over the last few weeks.

Youngsters have been taking to the temporary ice rink while inside the centre Santa has been sat in his grotto.

If you haven't been yet, don't worry, as Santa's grotto is open daily until Christmas Eve and you can skate until January 5.

By Jack Johnson
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• Ramona Youvens has fun on the ice

• Alfie Whitestone enjoys the surroundings

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Omar Hamdi recently appeared as tour support for **Ava Vidal** on selected dates of her national 2012 – 2013 tour. Omar is known across the country as one of the hardest-working and distinctive rising stars of UK comedy.

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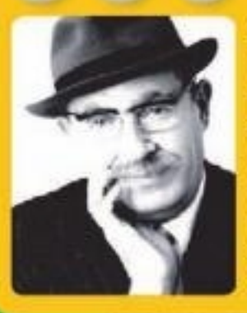

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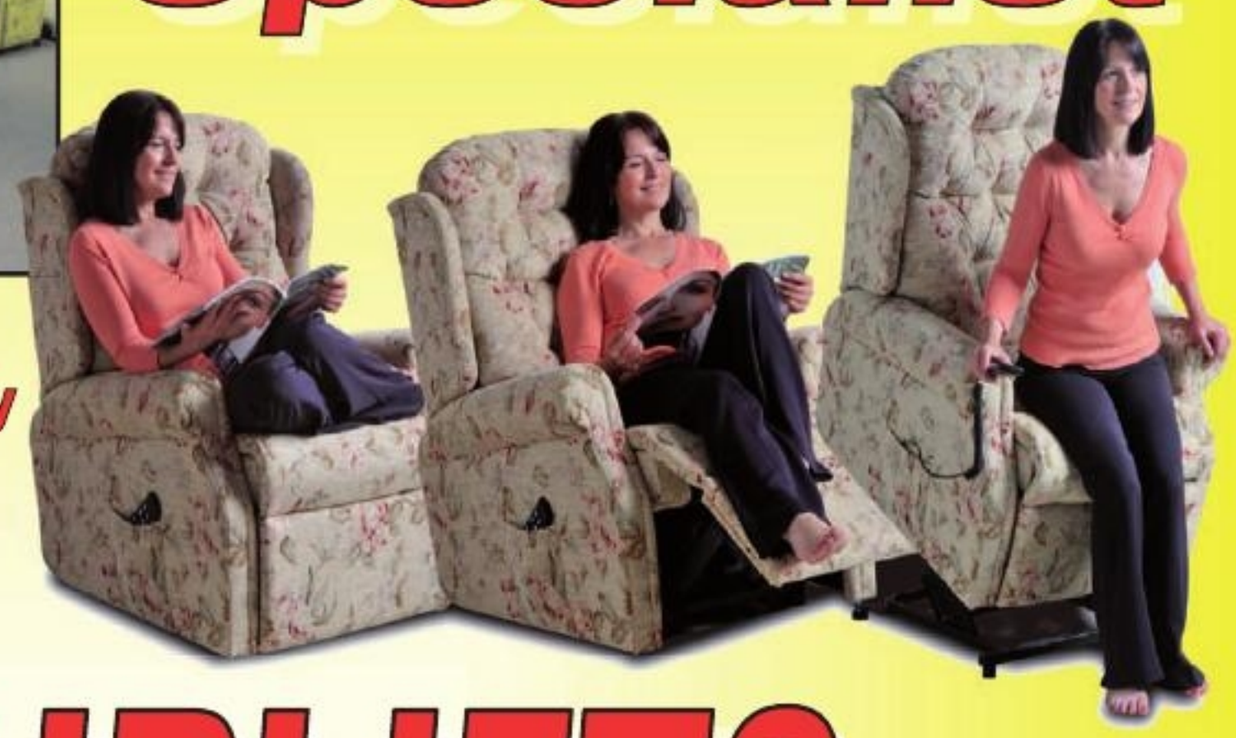

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More patrols

THAMES Valley Police is increasing foot patrols in Thame after an aggravated burglary on December 11.

At around 5.15pm, two offenders knocked on the front door of a house in Queen's Road and said they had a delivery for the victim.

When the male victim opened the door, the offenders, who were both men, produced a knife and pushed their way into the hallway.

They assaulted him and took a wallet from his pocket before leaving on foot and driving off in a black vehicle.

The victim sustained injuries to his face but did not require hospital treatment.

Broadband

OVER £1million of funding could be allocated to extend high speed broadband coverage across rural West Oxfordshire.

The district council's cabinet recommended allocating £1.6million at a meeting last Wednesday and the issue will be discussed further at full council on January 22.

This could help boost the coverage already outlined in the county council's 'Better Broadband' project.

Cleaner, Greener boost from Rose Hill residents

By **Jack Johnson**
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ROSE Hill residents have given the city council's Cleaner, Greener Oxford campaign the thumbs up.

Oxford City Council's aim was to tidy up Rose Hill and encourage local residents to get involved in keeping their neighbourhood clean.

Members of the public, local businesses and council officers have all chipped in and worked together to tackle litter and recycling issues and focus on problem hotspots.

"I'm really pleased at the thumbs-up Rose Hill residents have given to the city council's Cleaner, Greener campaign," said Cllr John Tanner, board member for Cleaner, Greener Oxford.

"The estate is already looking a lot tidier and I was really impressed by the turn-out for the community litter pick back in October.

"I know most Rose Hill residents will want to keep up the high standards for recycling especially over the Christmas period.

"The council will be watching out for anyone who doesn't play the game about litter, fly-tipping and putting stuff in the right bin.

"This is not the end of the Cleaner, Greener campaign.

"We will continue our programme of education, encouragement and when necessary, enforcement against persistent offenders across the city."

Some of the ways in which local residents helped out was a community litter pick held on October 19 where 15 bags of landfill and 20 bags of recycling waste were collected.

Rivermead Nature Reserve was given a makeover while approximately 116 out of 120 properties which were identified throughout Rose Hill as having issues with waste management have been improved.

Legal notices were served on 16 properties, 13 were handed out under Section 46 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and 15 under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.

The city council's Streetscene Team also carried out deep cleans of the shopping areas at The Oval and shops off Courtland Road.

Tree-mendous effort from Andrew!

A WATLINGTON Christmas tree grower has had his winning fir put up outside 10 Downing Street.

Last month the Oxfordshire Guardian reported that Andrew Ingram, of The Tree Barn at Greenfield Farm, Christmas Common, won the prestigious title of Champion Christmas Tree Grower 2013, two years after he won it for the first time.

Andrew travelled to London to see the lights on his winning 18.5ft Nordmann Fir Christmas tree being switched on.

He said: "We're delighted to win such a prestigious award once again – it makes all the hard work we put into growing our trees so worthwhile. We were delighted to visit Downing Street and see the tree stand outside one of the UK's most famous residences."

The competition was organised by the Annual British Christmas Tree Growers Association (BCTGA) and was divided into five categories - pine, fir, spruce, container growth and wreaths.

Each finalist could submit two of any one species per category and all trees entered were between 1.4m and 2.2m in height. Judges scored the trees on their foliage, colour, shape and marketability to determine the overall winner.

• *Andrew Ingram with his wife Jane and his winning tree outside 10 Downing Street.*

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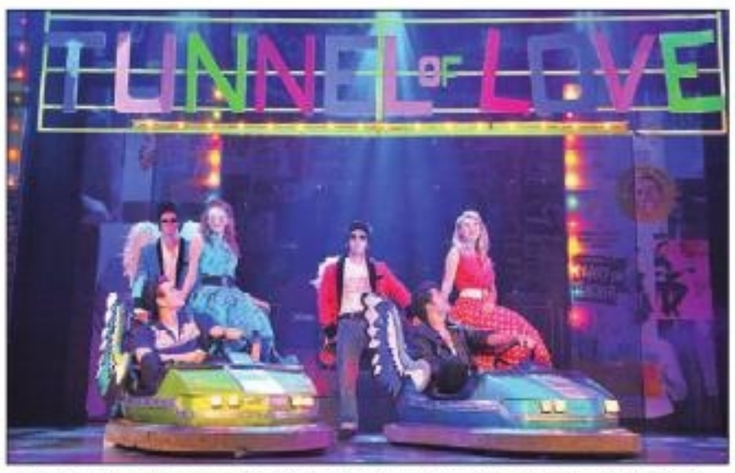

• *Dreamboats and Petticoats is at the New Theatre from February 17 to 22*

• *Britain's Got Talent's Susan Boyle comes to the city on March 29*

OXFORD'S New Theatre have announced the latest shows coming to the city in the New Year, with a mix of musicians, theatre productions and comedy coming up in the next few months.

By **Adam Flinn**
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January begins with a tribute show to American superstars Gene Vincent and Eddie Cochran, and in particular their legendary 1960 tour that helped bring rock and roll to the UK.

Last year's X Factor winner James Arthur takes to the stage on January 18 with his first headline tour, coming off the back of his highly successful debut album 'Impossible'.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's popular musical Evita comes to Oxford for a four-day run, which includes the classic songs 'Don't Cry For Me Argentina', 'You Must Love Me' and 'Oh What a Circus'.

Hilarious stage comedy 51 Shades of Maggie arrives in February, based on the Facebook-based spoof blog initially written by Leesa Harker, which is now embarking on a 27-venue tour of the country.

The Russian State Ballet and Orchestra of Siberia will be performing the famous romantic ballet Swan Lake, brought to life by Tchaikovsky's memorable score.

Strictly Come Dancing's Brendan Cole brings his new show 'License to Thrill' to Oxford on February 14, as he performs alongside a cast of 20 musicians and dancers.

West End sensation Dreamboats and Petticoats features guest star Mark Wynter, who will perform classic hits from the show such as 'Shaking All Over', 'Happy Birthday Sweet 16' and 'Let's Twist Again'.

Renowned musical Ghost runs from February 25 to March 8, based on the Oscar-winning 90s movie about the power of love.

And March comes to an end with Susan Boyle's first nationwide tour, featuring a contemporary mix of album racks and never heard before songs for one evening only.

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• *James Arthur brings his tour to Oxford in January*

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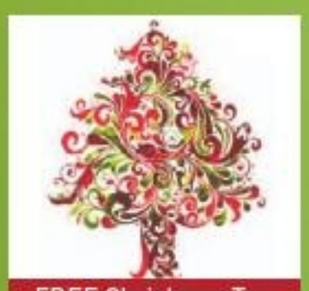

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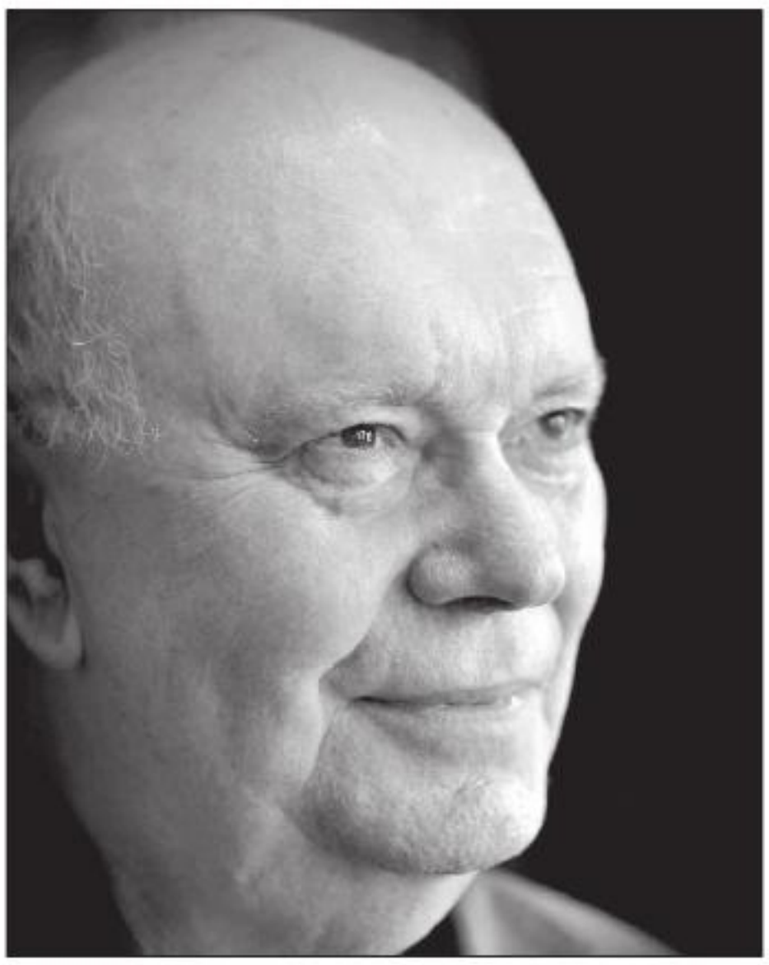

• *Sir Alan Ayckbourn is interviewed on stage on January 31, with the Ayckbourn ensemble of plays running from February 3 to 8*

By **Adam Flinn**
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THE Oxford Playhouse has announced its billing of shows for the first few months of 2014, featuring a blend of theatrical productions, artistic performances and comedy.

At the moment it is still panto season, and the Playhouse's adaptation of Robin Hood as Robin takes on two baddies in the form of the Sheriff of Nottingham and Guy of Gisbourne, is staged until January 12.

Comedy duo Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis bring their new show Ploughing On Regardless to Oxford on January 16, discussing how the country copes during the winter months.

Famous poet Pam Ayres returns to the city next month with her latest show, and is best known for her eye for the detail of everyday life and finding the absurdity that lies within.

Shakespeare's renowned Twelfth Night comes to the stage, in this much-loved comedy that is one of the most acclaimed productions of the Bard's in recent years.

• *Pam Ayres brings her new poetry show to the Playhouse on January 17*

Playwright Sir Alan Ayckbourn speaks about his career at the end of January, which is followed by four new productions being performed at the Playhouse during February.

Noel Coward's play Semi-Monde, set in the roaring twenties, sees the various lives and loved of the heirs to the British Empire play out within the Ritz Hotel.

March sees Tennessee Williams' iconic play A Streetcar Named Desire coming to the Playhouse, telling the story of Blanche DuBois moving to downtown New Orleans.

American comedian Rich Hall comes to Oxford with his brand new stand-up show on March 27, with his blend of observational comedy and rapid-fire wit.

As well as the Playhouse's shows, their sister venue the Burton Taylor Studio also has an extensive line-up of entertainment for the start of the new year.

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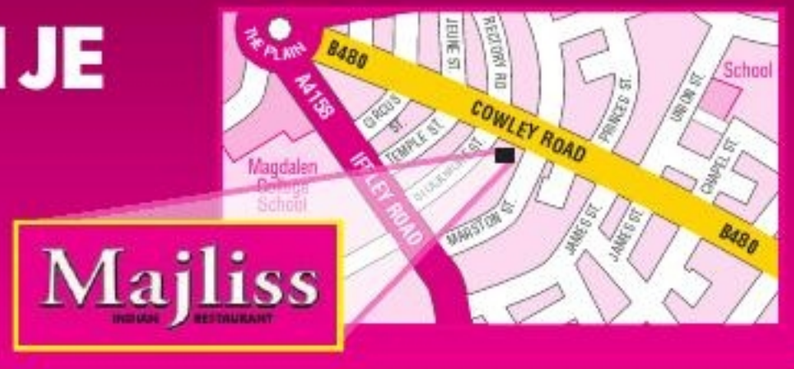

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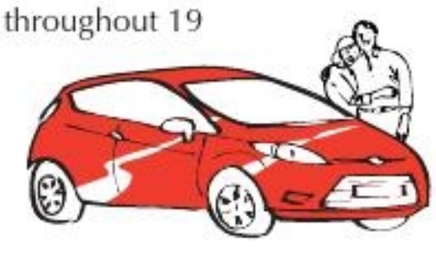

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Horoscopes

By Cassandra Nye

Your life in the stars

SAGITTARIUS (November 23 - December 21)
Both voluntary and group activities can change your attitude to everyday life. This is not pie in the sky. Try spending more time with others who share your interests and see the difference that it makes. Spiritually you can feel closer to others if you give yourself time to consider their feelings. There is nothing quite like putting yourself in the other person's shoes!

CAPRICORN (December 22 - January 20)
There may be slow progress at the start of this week but by midweek you start sailing through. Perhaps there was a hope that a certain situation would be resolved by now, but it isn't. It cannot hold you back in the long run, so keep moving ahead. Living in the present is sometimes less stressful than always thinking about yesterday or tomorrow. Relax more and take a more flexible approach.

AQUARIUS (January 21 - February 19)
Looking for some excitement? Seeking it outside the home, perhaps in a hobby, could be the answer. There are those, this week, who will start to question their close relationships. This is mostly through boredom or for financial reasons. Don't be one of them. Turn a stressful time into an interesting one by planning well ahead. Take the challenge. See how others live and work and take inspiration.

PISCES (February 20 - March 20)
Sit back and start to enjoy the fruits of your labours this week! A lull before the holidays gives the chance for some fun. You are also able to catch up with old friends. Paving the way for a new job or interest could mean gaining more knowledge before you start. This is time well invested. Sometimes you just cannot succeed without doing the homework!

ARIES (March 21 - April 20)
As things continue to change around you, there is more of a settling into a balanced lifestyle. Those things that made you restless should now have been dealt with. Having more freedom of mind also means that finances are more easily handled. Getting out at the weekend puts you in touch with people of all ages. There is a great deal of fun to be had in this area.

TAURUS (April 21 - May 21)
Although there is a fair bit of flirting going on this week, it is not a time of grand passions. Seeking excitement? An unsuitable liaison may suggest itself. Take care. What you need is a helpful companion, not a thorn in your side! Existing partnerships can be made stronger with a little bit of extra attention. Busy as you are, this effort will be very much appreciated.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
Challenges are coming your way, but they will be welcome. Certainly they will fill in those boring times when you wonder what is next. A variety of people come along both at home and work and there are some special moments. Cash may be stretched as holiday arrangements are considered for later in the year. Aim for a sparkling time at the weekend with a loved one.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
This week brings someone exciting and stimulating into your life. Get out and about to give yourself the best chance of meeting them. Something has been sadly lacking in your life and you are now determined to find it. There is a chance for real happiness and a close relationship. Those who are already with a partner see this go to a new level of intimacy.

LEO (July 24 - August 23)
An inspiring attitude from you draws others to your side. This week brings with it social mayhem and laughter. There will be high demands on your time, especially from family members. Even so, your health must be given priority. Watch your diet and see to any necessary check-ups. Did someone say that laughter is the best medicine? They could be right!

VIRGO (August 24 - September 23)
This may not be the ideal time of the year to think of stability, with so much going on. Even so, take a few quiet moments to think about what you really want. People come and go and you may not always see their point of view. Look forward to the New Year and the spring. It is not a time to look back on past disappointments. What do you want? Go for it!

LIBRA (September 24 - October 23)
Extra time doing a hobby sees you develop some useful new skills. Some may see a recent move as non-productive, but success comes in many guises. One thing really can lead to another when it comes to bringing in the cash. Satisfaction comes also if you follow your heart and decide that you will not listen to negative comments. Being yourself means being free.

SCORPIO (October 24 - November 22)
There is so much fun to be had with younger people this week. Meeting a new person can change the way you view the world. Looking after both your cash and your health could mean a long chat with an older relative. Although finances need careful handling, don't allow this to worry you. There are different ways to organise and bring balance in this area.

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Master baker Paul Hollywood reignites our appetite for traditional foods

Humble pie gets the Hollywood touch

By **Andy Welch**

"GOOD bake". "Nice crumb". "It's over-proved". "The gluten hasn't developed".

Four years ago, only expert bakers would have understood these terms. Now, thanks to Paul Hollywood and his Great British Bake Off co-judge Mary Berry, they've become familiar phrases in millions of home up and down the UK.

And it's not just Bake Off terminology that's been on the rise - the show has led to a staggering revival in home baking too.

"I can't go a day without someone coming up to me and showing me a photo on their phone of their latest loaf or cake," says Hollywood, 47. "I love it."

There's no respite on Twitter either, where celebrities including Fearne Cotton and Sarah Millican have taken to sending the famous baker pictures of their bakes, or asking for tips.

The fourth series of Bake Off ended recently with 31-year-old Frances Quinn's surprise victory, and once again supermarkets reported increased sales of baking ingredients and cake-making tools along the way.

"Where's my share?" jokes Hollywood. "I haven't got any money out of it."

That, of course, isn't quite true. The chef, who was born in Cheshire and is taking a live baking show on a tour of the UK next April, is now synonymous with baking. His Bread series and book were huge hits earlier this year and he's never been more in demand. Just two weeks after filming finished for Bake Off, he went straight to work on his latest offering, Pies & Puds. There's a book out now and a TV series will follow.

"It's hard fitting it all in," he says. "There's always something, but it's good to have loads going on, especially when it's all so much fun to work on.

"There are thousands of recipes out there, and it's just about being able to pick the right ones, harness the right ideas, and put them in a great package for people to try themselves."

There's no shortage of mouth-watering recipes in Pies & Puds. In the same way Bread introduced novices to basic techniques and walked them through more advanced methods, Pies & Puds includes basics like sausage rolls and quickly moves on to slightly more challenging tasks.

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The book is, as Hollywood says, like a cookery course, and one of his favourite recipes is his take on a classic. "I do a beef and ale pie, but use water buffalo instead of regular beef, and I must say the pie is absolutely gorgeous.

"Throughout the book I've twisted things, added new flavours, modernised classics and come up with a load of recipes that are beautiful to eat. It's about comfort food, really, and I'm celebrating what Britain's good at - pies, puddings and pastries."

"The main thing about everything I do is that I just love teaching. The idea that people are learning while watching and being inspired to try things is absolutely brilliant."

• *Bacon & egg pie, featured in Paul Hollywood's Pies & Puds, published by Bloomsbury. Photo credit: PA Photo/Peter Cassidy/Bloomsbury.*

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Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once. **EASY/MEDIUM/HARD**

	1		5					8
5		8	4			6		2
		6	1	3	8	7		
8					5		3	
7		3				9		4
	2		7					1
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	4	6	7					3

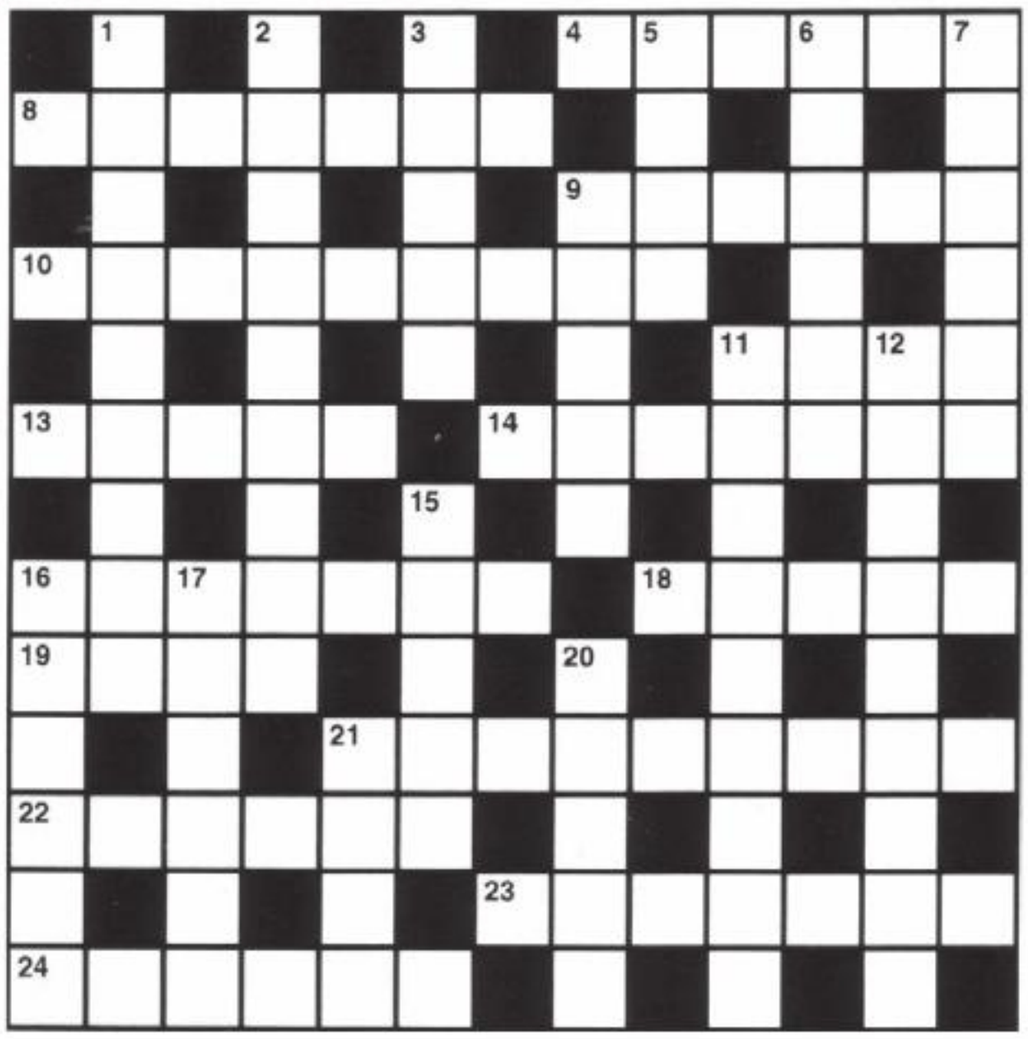
Two speed crossword

Quick Clues Across
4 From one side to the other (6)
8 Fill with air (7)
9 Walk uncertainly (6)
10 Female adorning magazine (5,4)
11 Face (4)
13 Foolish (5)
14 Climbs (7)
16 Environment (7)
18 Loafer (5)
19 Accurate (4)
21 Penultimate round of contest (4-5)
22 Capers (6)
23 Restricted to a certain locality (7)
24 Idea (6)

Quick Clues Down
1 Radio broadcaster (9)
2 Every other (9)
3 Platform (5)
5 Calm (4)
6 Appoint (6)
7 Charms (6)
9 Confidence (5)
11 Time limits (9)
12 Hormone (9)
15 Mountain range (5)
16 Narrowwaterway (6)
17 Reptile (6)
20 Moon goddess (5)
21 Mark (4)

Cryptic Clues Across
4 A chest for the chesty? (6)
8 Left at sea one gets no return share (7)
9 Deposits and positions (6)
10 He has loads of work (9)
11 Noticed, we hear, the affliction (4)
13 Rubbish; of course you can eat it (5)
14 Early French fathers have current importance (7)
16 Two by two in a closeup (7)
18 Takes a lordly look? (5)
19 By the sound of it deserves to get the bird (4)
21 Stands sole treat (9)
22 Sarah's got nothing on in the bar (6)
23 Figures cut by crazy clerics (7)
24 I'd sing about the track (6)

Cryptic Clues Down
1 Later Bill gets one alternative (9)
2 A suitable hat to wear on the range (9)
3 007's ties? (5)
5 Go up to the Frenchman and make eyes (4)
6 Act in for the agent (6)
7 Ushers out in great haste (6)
9 Correct point is of first importance (5)
11 Can get upset in harsh division (9)
12 He's trained to save the game (9)
15 Soundly attacked a criminal (5)
16 A popular count (6)
17 Not at all dressy (6)
20 Referee takes it to make ready for further use (5)
21 This urban district won't change (4)



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Last week's solutions

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3	6	5	1	2	7	9	4	8
9	8	4	3	6	5	7	1	2

Quick Crossword
Across: 1 Barrow 7 Remorse 8 Embrace 9 Niece 10 Distorted 12 Tar 13 Sets15 Isotope 17 Girl 19 All 21 Interfere 22 Hates 23 Obscene 24 Certain 25 Gladly
Down: 1 Breeding 2 Robust 3 Orators 4 Amend Freeze 6 Mere 7 Restitution 11 Tail 13 Self 14 Severely 16 Parasol 18 Retort 20 Legend 21 Islam, 22 Hook

Cryptic Crossword
Across: 1 Pitied 7 Backers 8 Slumber 9 Rigid 10 Imperious 12 Sag 13 Orbs15 Sousing 17 Sage 19 Ore 21 Shipments 22 Sheep 23 Kidnaps 24 Nonplus 25 Scales
Down: 1 Pastimes 2 Trumps 3 Embargo 4 Scars 5 Beggar 6 Used 7 Broomsticks 11 Ease 13 Ogre 14 Subsists 16 Nomadic 18 Greens 20 Entail 21 Spill 22 Sons

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Gravadlax of Salmon poached free range egg, asparagus & chervil hollandaise served with granary bread & butter
Roasted Goat's Cheese (v) herb crust, tomato salsa, pomegranate and soused golden beetroot
Warm Salad of Prosciutto Wrapped Chicken with watermelon, cinnamon croutons and a honey mustard dressing

Mains

Roast Turkey rolled breast with an orange & cranberry stuffing served with pigs in blankets and a cranberry gravy
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Roast Rack of Herb & Garlic Crusted English Lamb aubergine compote and basil jus
Fresh Half of Lobster & Scallop Thermidor oven roasted vine cherry tomatoes
Chestnut, Cranberry & Brie Wellington (v)
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Sending a warning to rivals

REVIEW: Mazda3

By **Philip Shoulder**

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JANUARY 2014 will see the introduction of the brand new third-generation Mazda3. For the first time the car will be offered in either hatchback, or Fastback (saloon) guises.

The new 3 is the latest Mazda to use the firm's advanced SKYACTIV design process, which aims to add strength while reducing weight, thereby giving good driving dynamics combined with high crash safety: the 3 has already been awarded a 5-Star Euro NCAP safety rating.

All Mazda3s will come with Smart City Brake Support (SCBS), which helps to reduce or prevent low-speed collisions by automatically applying the brakes if the driver fails to act, i-stop idle-stop system, and Hill Hold Assist (HHA) to prevent roll back on inclines.

The range is made up of five specification levels - SE, SE Nav, SE-L, SE-L Nav and the flagship Sport Nav.

Tested here is the SE-L Nav, which adds rain-sensing front wipers, Bi-Xenon headlights with automatic levelling, rear privacy glass, cruise control, rear parking sensors, heated front seats and satellite navigation.

The 3 is engaging to drive, regardless of spec and engine derivative, with communicative well-weighted steering and poised, grippy handling. Praise too for the brakes, which are strong and responsive, without the oversensitivity sometimes affecting Japanese cars.

Aside from some low speed fidgetiness on bumpier roads, the ride is generally smooth and suspension noise well suppressed, although road and tyre roar is often audible even at lower speeds.

The petrol engine line-up comprises three naturally-aspirated petrol engines: a new 1.5 litre 100PS and existing 2.0 litre unit, in either 120PS or 165PS form. There's only one diesel in the range – this 2.2 150PS unit – which thanks to 380Nm of torque provides the best mix of useable performance (0-62 mph in 8.1 seconds) and economy (68.9 mpg). Although there's an auto option, the standard 6-speed manual box is good, having a positive, if slightly long-throw gear change.

The Mazda3's interior design is a similar style to the larger Mazda6: functionally simplistic and unpretentious, with well placed, well-made and easy to use switchgear.

Verdict:

Thanks to sharp dynamic looks, engaging driving manners, strong performance and cutting edge technology, the new Mazda3 has all the right ingredients to worry established family hatch rivals from Ford, Peugeot, Vauxhall and Volkswagen.

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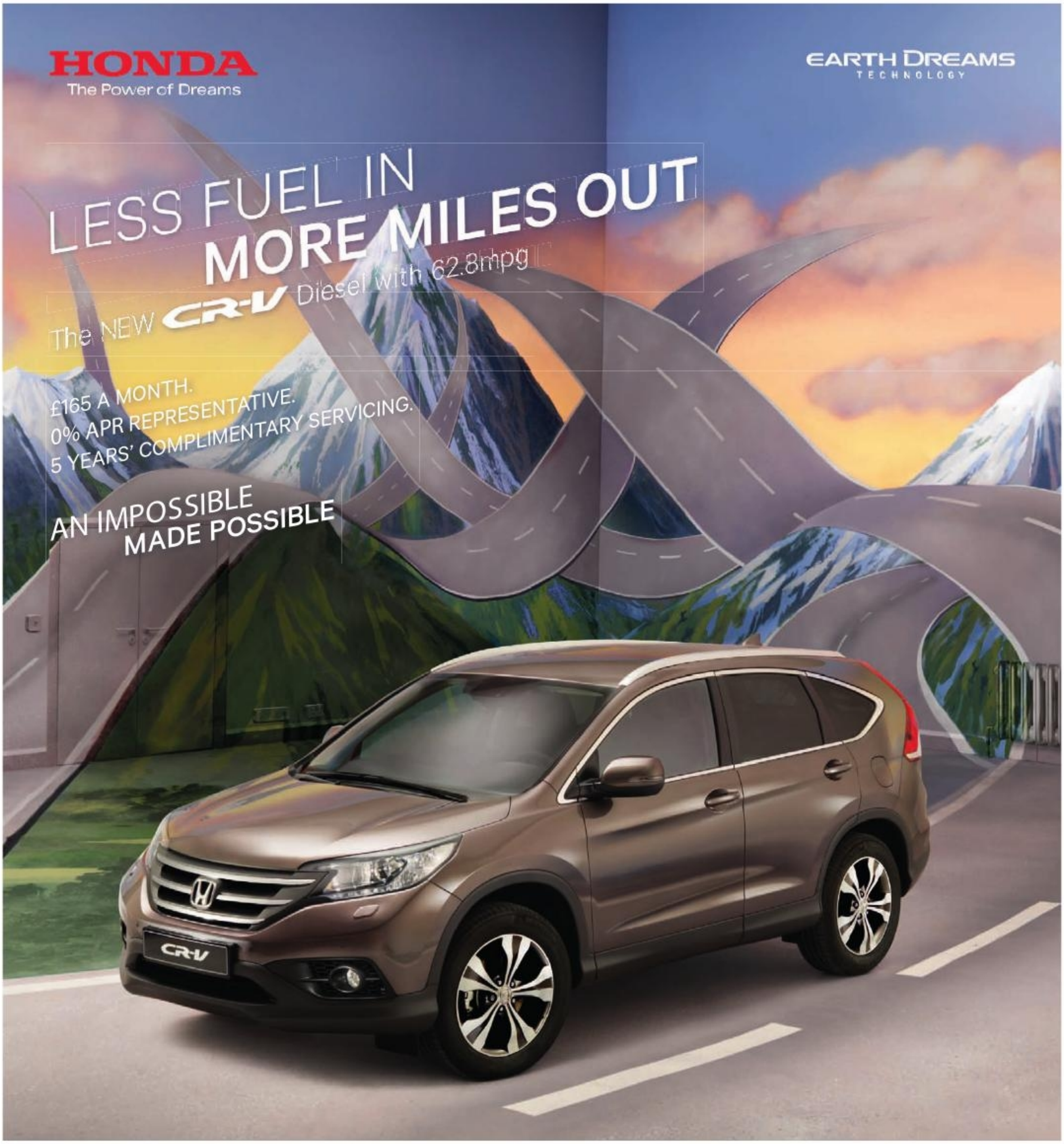

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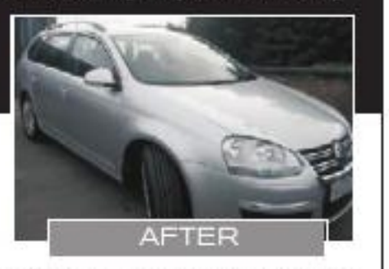
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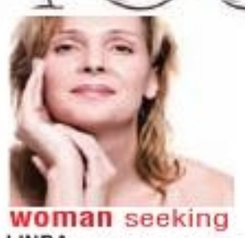

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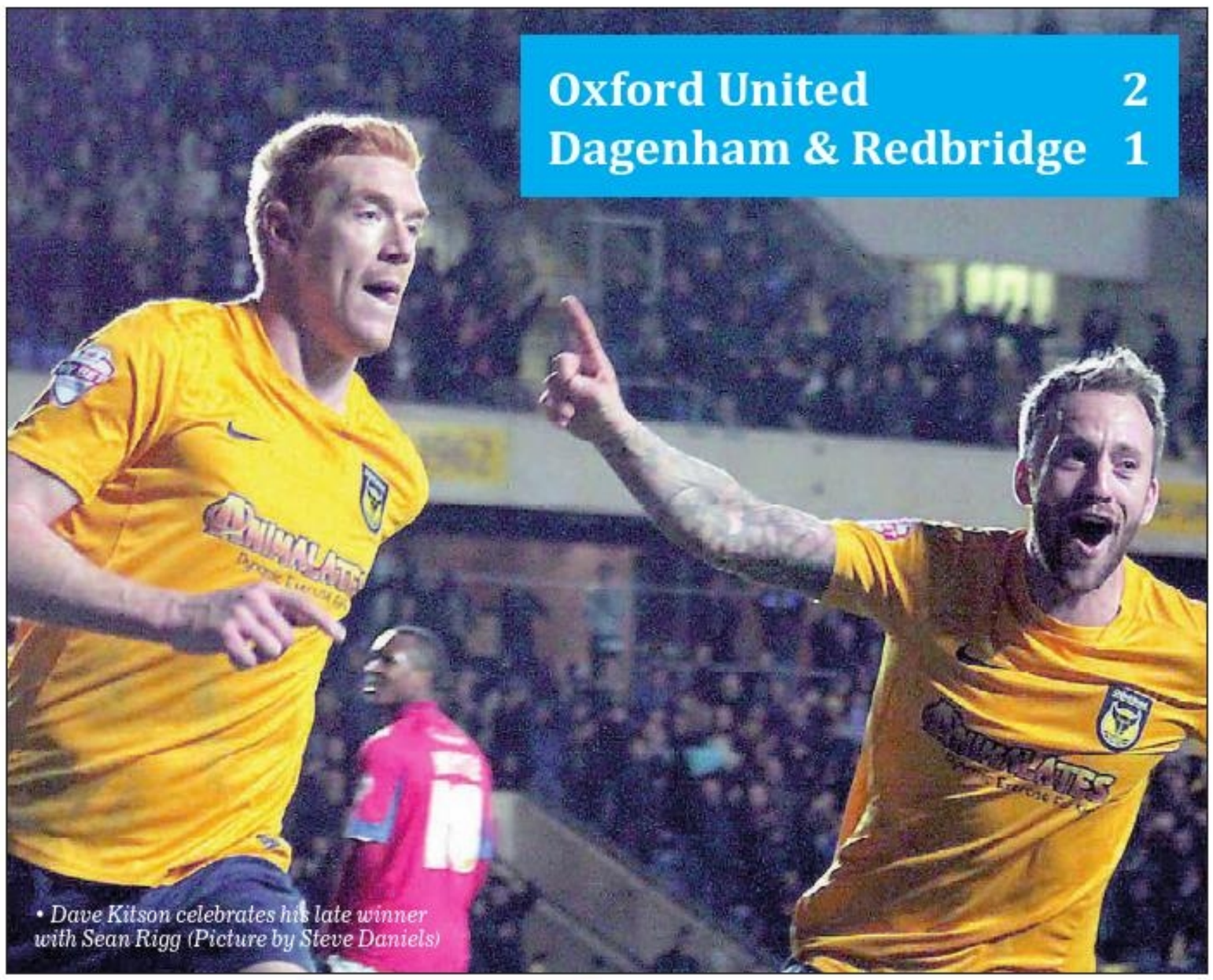

• Dave Kitson celebrates his late winner with Sean Rigg (Picture by Steve Daniels)

DAVE Kitson headed a dramatic 91st minute winner as Oxford United beat Dagenham & Redbridge 2-1 to remain top of League Two last Saturday.

Chris Wilder's men remain a point clear of second-placed Chesterfield and have opened up a three-point gap to fourth-placed Newport County.

After morale-boosting FA Cup victories away at Gateshead and Wrexham, United began the game in a dominant mood.

Josh Ruffels forced a save from Chris Lewington after just seven minutes but 60 seconds later United were ahead in fine style.

Danny Rose's cross was put back into the mix by Johnny Mullins and James Constable acrobatically volleyed United ahead - arguably one of the best of his 103 goals for the club.

By Jack Johnson
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United were rampant from there on with Kitson the focal point of the attacks.

Ruffels was denied by Lewington, Rose blazed over the bar and Ryan Williams and Kitson both volleyed wide.

However, on the stroke of half-time the visitors were level as Rhys Murphy curled the ball over Ryan Clarke and into the top corner.

United continued to dominate in the second half and after throwing everything they could at the Daggers it came down to the first minute of injury time.

Substitute Deane Smalley played in David Hunt down the right who put in a delightful cross for Kitson to head past Lewington and send the home fans into raptures.

And Wilder felt his side fully deserved the three points.

"I wasn't a happy manager at half-time," he said.

"That's no disrespect to the opposition who I thought defended manfully through wave after wave of attacks.

"We put a lot of effort into the first half and we had to dig deep in the second half but we felt that we were always on top.

"All the players were on the same page, they played exceptionally well, they opened them up and were positive.

"There was a bit of disappointment at half time that we hadn't increased our lead but we have got a lot of players who have the desire to do well for this football club and at times our play was exceptional."

More good news for the U's was that Jake Wright and winger Sean Rigg returned from injury while defender Michael Raynes was on the bench.

Resurgent City looking to keep impressive streak going

MIKE Ford's Oxford City are back in action this Saturday as they face fellow strugglers Stockport County in the Skrill North.

City are on a three-match unbeaten run after convincing victories over Vauxhall Motors and Worcester City and a hard-fought draw against Workington.

Ford's men were due to play North Ferriby United last weekend but the league leaders were in FA Trophy action against Skrill Conference side Woking.

Ahead of this Saturday' game at Stockport, City are 16th in the table with 19 points.

County are two places and three points below City and on a three match winless run.

After this weekend, City have two homes games in a row.

They welcome Gloucester City and Solihull Moors to Court Place Farm on Boxing Day and December 28 before a trip to the former on New Year's Day.

Oxford City Nomads are outclassed by leaders Ardley

OXFORD City Nomads were thumped 4-1 by league leaders Ardley United in the Hellenic Premier Division last Saturday.

Ryan Brooks, Harry Brock, a Paul Alder own goal and a late Steve Howkins strike saw Ardley on their way while Louis Joyce scored Nomads' consolation.

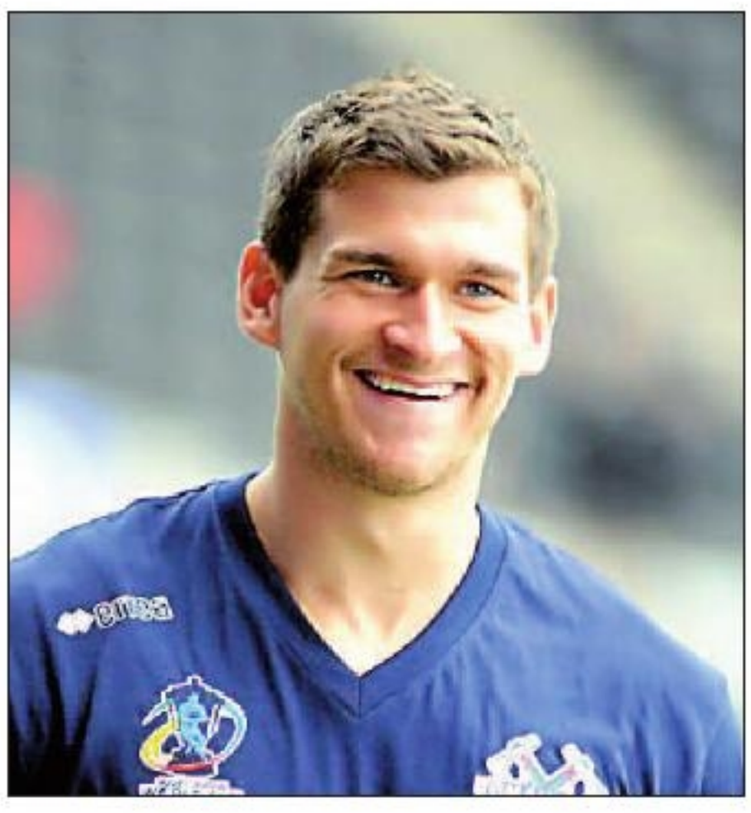
The defeat saw Ardley maintain their five-point lead at the top of the table while Nomads are ninth on 38 points.

As the Guardian went to print Nomads had the opportunity for revenge as they faced Ardley in the third round of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup.

Elsewhere, Kidlington progressed to the quarter-finals of the Senior Cup after thumping Bletchington 6-3 while Thame United also booked their place in the last eight with a 1-0 win over Freeland.

Thame were in 'Flying Press' Hellenic Floodlit Cup action as the Guardian went to print, facing Highmoor Ibis in the third round.

This weekend, Thame and Kidlington are both back in league action, facing Wootton Bassett Town and Cheltenham Saracens respectively.



World cup star Taylor pens deal with Oxford

OXFORD Rugby League have wrapped up their biggest signing to date with American centre Taylor Welch joining the Iffley Road club.

Welch, who made three appearances for the USA at this year's World Cup, progressed through Warrington Wolves' Academy and has since gone on to play for Sale Sharks in Rugby Union.

The 24-year-old said of his move to the city: "There were a few options out there after the World Cup but Oxford really caught my eye.

"Luckily my good mate and old team mate Alex Thompson played here last season.

"I really respect his opinion and he sold the idea of Oxford to me. After speaking with Tony Benson, it just felt like the right place to be. I can't wait to get involved and start the season."

Oxford coach Benson was delighted to have signed the American.

"He is a really good kicker and has a fantastic kick return too," Benson said.

"He's physically strong and quick and has the experience we are looking for to take us to another level."

• *USA international Taylor Welch has joined Oxford Rugby League*

Sport Bites

Three in a row for Stars

OXFORD City Stars made it three wins in a row in the National Ice Hockey League 2 with an 8-1 victory over Invicta Mustangs.

The win sees them remain third in the league table on 16 points, just two behind leaders Slough Jets.

Next up is a National Ice Hockey League 2 Cup tie against Bristol Pitbulls, where Stars will look to preserve their unbeaten record in the competition.

Hawks hope to turn it around

OXFORD Hawks Men's 1s head into the Christmas break on the back of a three-match winless run.

Last Saturday they were beaten 3-1 by second-placed Chichester Men's 1s.

Eighth-placed Hawks' next scheduled match is on January 18 against Staines Men's 1s.

Oxon cup draw is announced

THE draw for the quarter-finals of the Oxfordshire Senior Cup has been made with Hellenic side Thame United welcoming holders Oxford United to the ASM Stadium.

Oxford City host Banbury United, North Leigh face either Oxford City Nomads or Ardley United and Kidlington take on Oxford University Press.

A date for the fixtures is to be confirmed.

Solid display gives Grove another win

GROVE made it two wins on the spin in South West 1 East as they triumphed 38-12 against Towcestrians last Saturday.

The win followed their 57-8 demolition of Salisbury a week earlier.

Grove are currently seventh in the table on 35 points but are 26 points behind leaders Oxford Harlequins at the Christmas break.

They are next in action on January 4 against Windsor.

Meanwhile, Oxford Harlequins maintained their grasp on the league with a 25-0 win over Witney.

After their first defeat of the season at Maidenhead on November 30, Quins have since returned to winning ways with two convincing victories which included a 62-3 thrashing of Marlow a fortnight ago.

In the SSE National League 2 South, Chinnor overcame Bournemouth 22-17 in a tight game at Kingsey Road.

Glyn Davies' side are 10th in the table and take on Dings Crusaders this weekend.

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IT'S A JOB WELL DONE - BURNELL

LONDON Welsh picked up their second bonus point win in as many weeks against Edinburgh Academical on Saturday, with a 33-7 victory on the road.

Welsh battled the elements at Edinburgh's Raeburn Place ground to add five tries to the 10 they had picked up at their London base of Old Deer Park last weekend.

Ollie Stedman picked up two tries, while Billy Moss, Josh Watkins and a penalty try, along with four Will Robinson conversions, made up the total.

Head coach Justin Burnell said: "It was a job well done by the whole squad and confirmation of how strong our strength in depth is.

"The conditions were absolutely atrocious and it was definitely a game of two halves.

"We've been able to give some players two games on the bounce and confirm to ourselves how good some of these players are.

"We have to have the confidence to give some of these boys more opportunities, because it's a long season and there's still a lot of rugby to be played."

Meanwhile, former England and British and Irish Lions centre Ollie Smith has been appointed as an assistant coach at the club.

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Smith will be responsible for Welsh's defence, and arrives with previous coaching experience after guiding Esher to a second-place finish in National League One last season.

He said: "To get the opportunity to come to London Welsh and work with a team that's really striving to get back into the Premiership is very exciting.

"I like what Justin's doing and with the help of Gordon (Ross, assistant coach) there's a basis of respect and honesty within the camp, and I believe that work ethic is key to a successful team.

"It's great to be able to have players day in, day out, and be able to drag them to one side for a chat.

"I like the fact that I can sit down and work with individuals, and that's a real plus to being in a full-time environment."

Welsh return to the Kassam Stadium on Saturday, when they face London Scottish.

• *Welsh battled the weather as they ended up 33-7 winners in Edinburgh (Picture courtesy of London Welsh)*

Late Kitson header keeps U's on top

DAVE Kitson's late header saw Oxford United remain at the top of League Two for another week after a 2-1 win over Dagenham & Redbridge.

The win also extended United's unbeaten run to eight matches in all competitions.

Chris Wilder's men are in action this weekend as they make the trip up north to face York City.

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• *Dave Kitson celebrates his winner (Picture by Steve Daniels)*

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